

i8 THE FIRST VOYAGE IS TO HISPANIOLA ONLY.  
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of 120 tons, wherein Master HAWKINS himself went as General [*i.e.* ^*Admiral*]; the^second, *the Swallow*, of 100 tons, wherein went for Captain; Master THOMAS HAMPTON ; and the third, the *Jonas*, a bark of 40 tons, wherein the Master supplied the Captain's room\* In which >small<sub>s</sub> fleet, Master HAWKINS took with him not above a hundred men, for fear of sickness and other inconveniencds, whereunto men in long voyages are commonly subject.

With which company, he put off and departed from the coast of England, iti the month of October, 1562 ; and in his course, touched first at Teneriffe, where he received friendly entertainment. From thence, he passed to Sierra Leone, upon the coast of Guinea; which place, by the people of the country is called Tagarin; where he stayed some good time, and got into his possession, partly by the sword, and partly by other means, to the number of three hundred Negroes, at the least; besides other merchandise which that country yieldeth.

With this prey, he sailed over the ocean sea unto the island of Hispaniola, and arrived first at the port of Isabella; and there he had reasonable utterance of his English Commodities, as also of some part of his Negroes : trusting the Spaniards no' further than that, by his own strength, he was able still to master them.

From the port of Isabella, he went to Porte de Plata, where he made like sales : standing always upon his guard.

From thence also, he sailed to Monte Christi, another port on the north side of Hispaniola; and the last place of his touching: where he had peaceable traffic, and made vent of the whole number of his Negroes.

For which he received, in those three places, by way of exchange, such a 'quantity of merchandise, that he did not only lade his own three ships with hides', ginger, sugar, and some quantity of pearls ; but he freighted also two other Hulks with hides and other like commodities, which he sent into Spain.

And<sup>1</sup> thus leaving the island', he returned and disimboked [*discmboqued, i.e., went out into the main ocean*], passing by the islands of the Caicos, without further entering into the Bay of Mexico, in this his First Voyage to the West India.

And so, with prosperous success, and much gam to himself and the aforesaid Adventurers, he came home, and arrived in the month of September, -1563.